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In February 1954, the burgomasters of Kreis Hildburghausen were ordered to intensify recruiting activities for the VP.

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recruiting activities for the VP-Saa and the Asopolub had been discontinued except for specialists in the field of shipbuilding.

3. The recruiting campaign for the KVP, HVBGP, HVDVP, and the SFS is being conducted by officers and NCOs of all the VP branches of service mentioned. Civilian employees do not participate in this campaign which is usually conducted over week ends.

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4. Since all recruiting activities conducted in the civilian sector are controlled by the SED Central Committee, the acting SED party secretaries at factories are responsible for the success of the recruiting campaign conducted for the VP in industrial enterprises. Officers and NCOs of the Kreisregistrarsabteilung (recruiting office) continuously check on the success of recruiting activities in such enterprises.

5. extensive recruiting activities were going on for the Wismut AG in the Sonneberg area. The physical examination for candidates recruited takes place at Erfurt. Since so far none of those recruited have been ordered to report for work, it is generally believed that preparatory measures for the introduction of universal military service are actually involved.

6. all burgomasters of Kreis Paezwalk were ordered to draw up lists of all males from 18 to 45 years old. The lists must be submitted to the competent district police headquarters.

7. On 5 March 1954, KVP officers and SED functionaries made propaganda for the KVP at the secondary school in Torgeelow. The same happened on 6 March at the secondary school in Ueckermuende. A total of 40 juveniles are said to have declared their readiness to join the KVP.

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8. at the radio engineering plant in Zittau/Obersdorf. The

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Recruiting activities were concentrated upon males from 18 to 45 years old.

In spite of favorable conditions, only two juveniles had volunteered for service with the KVP at the radio engineering plant prior to 9 March 1954. No member of the work force of the plant volunteered for the other VP branches of service.

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a recruiting campaign for the VP was being conducted by Bauunion Brandenburg. FDJ groups at industrial enterprises were observed to draw up lists of all males up to 25 years old and submit these lists to government agencies.

Comment. The present report and other pertinent information indicates that every effort is being made in East Germany to make the current recruiting campaign a success. It appears that special stress is being laid on the recruiting of personnel for KVP-Army units. The recruiting campaign was started by orders issued by Lieutenant General Hoffmann on 26 September 1953.

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